

HOLCOMBE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Friday 24th April 2009

1. Welcome.

The Chairman welcomed 48 members to the meeting and hoped that they had not got bitumen all over their shoes as resurfacing of the roads had taken place!

2. Apologies.

Andy Watson, Gill Parsons, Graham Greetham, David & Janet Richardson, Bernie & Pam Morris, Mike & Val Wedlake, Chris & Christine Triner, Roger & Christine Tyler, Molly & Trevor Lucas, Roger & Mrs Tyler, Derek & Mary King, Beryl & Sam King, Louise Bromley, Brenda Bruce, Mrs K Clendenon, Joan Wareham.

Gwyn Crossland took the minutes in Gill parson's absence.

3. Minutes of the AGM 25th April 2008

The minutes of the previous AGM were signed as a true and accurate record.

4. Matters arising.

No matters arising.

5. Chairman's report.

The Chairman's written report was available on the village website prior to the meeting. The Chairman emphasised a number of items on his report and particularly thanked all the members of the committee for their hard work during the past year.

6. Secretary's report.

The Secretary's written report was available on the village website prior to the meeting. He emphasised a number of points in particular:

- Thanks to Andy Watson for running the Website which now gives a full picture of life and activities in the village and to Gwyn Crossland for arranging our programme of speakers.
- Thanks to Gerry Chambers and the helpers who have successfully organised firstly Coffee Mornings and now Lunches at the Village Hall for senior residents.
- Thanks and congratulations to Fred and Carole Comber and all the village hall committee for running such a marvellous facility for the village.
- A third Arts and Crafts Festival will take place on the 12th and 13th September 2009.
- Safety on the main road was still a major priority as was pedestrian safety on the sea wall.
- Recent successes in getting improvements to the footpath along the A379 and in repairs to the wall around the shrub area at the bottom of Windward Lane.
- Unfortunately, after lots of hard work by the committee and others to try and reduce the impact and size of the extension to Holcombe Hall, planning had been granted on Appeal.
- Great fun was had and a profit made at the Barn dance held in November 2008.

7. Presentation of accounts.

A balance sheet was circulated and Douglas Bruce gave a short presentation. The adoption of the accounts was proposed by Charles Crossland and seconded by Carole Chambers. Carried unanimously.

8. Change to constitution.

An amendment to item 11 of the constitution was proposed. After discussion it was proposed by Mr Spragg and seconded by John Partridge and carried unanimously that it should read as follows:

11. EXPENSES OF ADMINISTRATION AND APPLICATION OF FUNDS

The Executive Committee will operate an appropriate bank account or accounts.

The Executive Committee shall, out of the funds of the Association, pay all proper expenses of administration and management of the Association. The committee shall set aside reserves as may be deemed expedient. The remaining funds of the Association may be applied by the Executive Committee in furtherance of projects which comply with the objectives of the Association as set out in paragraph 3 of this constitution. If the cost of any such project exceeds £500 the Executive Committee will seek approval for this from the membership at a general meeting with due prior notice to members that such a decision is to be considered.

9. Appointment of financial advisor.

Ken Locke is prepared to continue as auditor and his offer was gratefully accepted.

10. Election of Committee.

Ballot papers were circulated and completed by members after nominees had introduced themselves. The ballot was scrutinised by Cllr. John Clatworthy. The committee was elected unanimously.

11. Questions and comments by members.

Mrs Behenna said that pedestrians were at risk from dangerous cycling on the sea wall. It is illegal and Mr Wareham said that although there were signs at each end of sea wall these were ignored, John Partridge also said there was a £1000 fine. Lin Watson pointed out that it was particularly dangerous for deaf people. The Committee will contact Network Rail to seek enforcement of the By-Law.

Ros Partridge made a plea to support the village shop in however small a way as it would close with no customers.

Mr. Sprague asked that the information for an advertisement for the Arts Festival needed to be with him by early July to place in Devon Life.

Kristian Alexander, Community Relations Manager – Network Rail and two colleagues then gave an illustrated talk on Dawlish Sea Cliffs Remediation Scheme.

This was greatly appreciated by everyone present